

SAT and ACT Score Comparison

This chart shows comparative scores for the ACT, the Current SAT, and the New SAT.

Last Current SAT: January 22, 2005
First ACT with Writing Test: February 12, 2005
First New SAT: March 12, 2005

| ACT | Current SAT | New SAT |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| If you scored a... | or a... | It's about the same as a... |
| 36 | 1600 | 2400 |
| 35 | 1560-1590 | 2340 |
| 34 | 1510-1550 | 2260 |
| 33 | 1460-1500 | 2190 |
| 32 | 1410-1450 | 2130 |
| 31 | 1360-1400 | 2040 |
| 30 | 1320-1350 | 1980 |
| 29 | 1280-1310 | 1920 |
| 28 | 1240-1270 | 1860 |
| 27 | 1210-1230 | 1820 |
| 26 | 1170-1200 | 1760 |
| 25 | 1130-1160 | 1700 |
| 24 | 1090-1120 | 1650 |
| 23 | 1060-1080 | 1590 |
| 22 | 1020-1050 | 1530 |
| 21 | 980-1010 | 1500 |
| 20 | 940-970 | 1410 |
| 19 | 900-930 | 1350 |
| 18 | 860-890 | 1290 |
| 17 | 810-850 | 1210 |
| 16 | 760-800 | 1140 |
| 15 | 710-750 | 1060 |
| 14 | 660-700 | 1000 |
| 13 | 590-650 | 900 |
| 12 | 520-580 | 780 |
| 11 | 500-510 | 750 |

SAT vs. ACT

The road to college can be a confusing and hectic one. Choosing the right admissions test to take - SAT or ACT - doesn't have to be. While most colleges across the country accept scores from either test, the SAT and ACT are significantly different, and in many ways, they measure different skills. Check with your guidance counselor and preferred colleges, then use the information below to decide which test is right for you.

Differences at a Glance:

| SAT | ACT |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• no science section | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• science reasoning section |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• no trigonometry section | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• math sections include trigonometry |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• vocabulary emphasized | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• vocabulary less important |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• non multiple-choice questions included | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• entirely multiple choice |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• guessing penalty | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• no guessing penalty |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• no English grammar | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English grammar tested |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• math accounts for 50% of your score | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• math accounts for 25% of your score |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• questions go from easy to hard in most sections | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• easy and hard questions mixed within sections |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all your SAT scores reported to colleges | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• report scores only from the test dates you choose |